Memorial

to

John A. Goldie

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John A. Goldie was born on March 15, 1878. He attended and graduated from the public schools of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was a graduate of North High School. He attended and was a graduate of the Minnesota College of Law. He commenced the practice of law in the year 1926 and was thereafter continuously engaged in the practice of law until his death on March 2, 1958, with the exception of the last three years of his life when he was prevented from doing so by illness.

Mr. Goldie was a member of the International Typographical Union and Minneapolis Typographical Union Local No. 42, for over fifty years prior to his demise.

Shortly after the outbreak of World War I he enlisted in the United States Army as an infantry man and served in France, including the battle of the Argonne Forest.

Mr. Goldie was a member of the Library Board of the City of Minneapolis prior to his death.

In 1936 he was offered a municipal judgeship but declined in order to remain in the active practice of law as an advocate for labor.

I became associated with Mr. Goldie in the practice of law in the year 1934. Mr. Goldie's outstanding characteristics were his

frankness, courage, independence and his great attention to detail, and careful preparation of his cases.

He represented labor unions almost from the first day that he commenced to practice law. He represented trade unions at a time when it was quite unpopular to do so.

A great deal of the decision-made law in our state relating to labor relations and labor law is a product of Mr. Goldie's forceful and forthright espousal of the cause of organized labor and working people.

Mr. Goldie was not only a fighter for the cause he believed to be right, but was eminently fair in his relationships with his clients and other lawyers. Those whom he met in legal battles will attest to his qualities.

I consider it a great privilege and honor to have been associated with Mr. John A. Goldie in the practice of law for nearly twenty-four years.

Mr. Goldie left surviving him his wife, Ann L. Goldie, and his daughter, Renee Fink. He lives on in the memory and affection of his family, his associates and his many friends.

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